JOSEPH E. MAY, a Complainant in this cause, after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Questions by Mr. Offutt:

- Q. State your name, age and residence.
- A. My name is Joseph Egbert May, I am 23 years of age, and reside at R. F. D. 2, Thurment or near St. Anthony's.
- Q. For what period of time have you been a resident of Frederick County?
- A., Since July 7, 1947.
- Q. Will you state the name of your wife and whether she is a resident of Frederick County?
- A. Clothilda May and she has lived in Frederick County all her life.
- Q. I show to you a certified deed dated July 9th, 1949, and recorded in Liber 479, folio 479, one of the Land Records of Frederick County and ask whether or not this is a copy of the Deed to the property now owned by and your wife in Emmitsburg District, Frederick County, Maryland.
- A. Yes it is.
- Q. Will you state whether or not you and your wife are actually in possession of this land and the improvements thereon and occupy the same.
- A. Yes we do. (Certified copy of Deed offered into evidence and marked Plaintiff's de "Exhibit A.")
- Q. Since you have owned this property have you not made application for a loan on the same?
- A. Yes I did at the Farmers State Bank at Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- Q. When did you make the application for a loan?
- A. In the spring of 1950 about the month of March or April, 1950.
- Q. What developed concerning the title to the real estate as result of applying for the loan?
- A. Mr. Amos Holter attorney for the Farmers State Bank apparently made a report to the bank that the Deeds were not straight and Mr. George Wilhide, cashier of the bank, gave me sum confirmation deeds to have signed by Mrs. Edna Kreitz and Paul Kreitz, her son, who were living in Baltimore. I went to Baltimore and they refused to sign the deeds and we then sought your advise and found that the title was good though the bank still would not approve the loan even though they did decide differently about the title. The Kreitzs apparently employed a lawyer in Baltimore and stated they were going to try to sue us for damages. We then decided to file this proceeding to clear up the title on the land.
- l. Will you state whether or not you have been advised by Mr. Wilhide or some official